



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4769**  
Nobuyuki BABA et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1015A  
Serial No. 09/919,796 : Group Art Unit 2856  
Filed August 2, 2001 : Examiner T. Noland

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Amendment  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

**ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**  
**AND**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 23, 2003, the period for response having been extended for one (1) month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

***Please cancel claims 16-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.***

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